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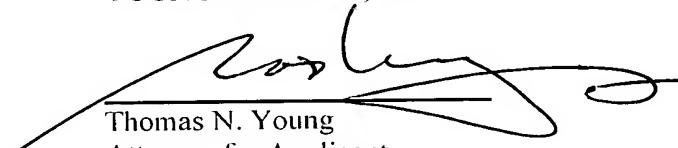
Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to the first Office Action and prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the subject application. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1 through 16 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 have been amended.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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